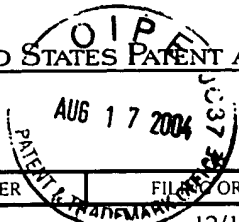


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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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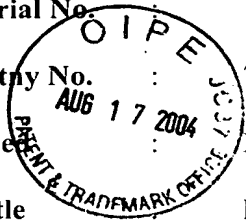
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Please charge Deposit Account 06-0420 in the amount of \$ 1080.00 to cover the declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) and the three month extension of time fees. Enclosed as well is a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted as requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to deposit account No. 06-0420.

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